1	BEFORE THE
2	ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
3	KERRY A. IVEY) DOCKET NO.) 09-0385
4	vs.)
5	CENTRAL ILLINOIS LIGHT COMPANY) d/b/a AmerenCIILCO)
6	Complaint as to billing/charges)
7	in East Peoria, Illinois.
8	Springfield, Illinois
9	Thursday, March 4, 2010
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1 PROCEEDINGS

- 2 JUDGE TAPIA: By the authority vested in me by
- 3 the Illinois Commerce Commission, I now call Docket
- 4 Number 09-0385. This is a complaint case and it is
- 5 Ivey versus AmerenCILCO.
- 6 May I have appearances for the record,
- 7 please?
- 8 MR. IVEY: Kerry Ivey.
- 9 JUDGE TAPIA: Address and phone number?
- 10 MR. IVEY: 1186 Upper Spring Bay Road, East
- 11 Peoria, Illinois 61611.
- MR. DAVIS: Charles Davis, counsel for Central
- 13 Illinois Light Company doing business as AmerenCILCO.
- 14 I am with the law firm of Brown, Hay and Stephens.
- Our address is 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 700,
- 16 Springfield, Illinois 62701. My phone number is
- 17 (217) 544-8491 and my e-mail address is
- 18 cdavis@bhslaw.com.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Thank you, Mr. Davis. Is there
- 20 anyone else wishing to enter an appearance? Okay,
- 21 hearing nothing, we can move on.
- For the record, this is the

- 1 evidentiary hearing in this case. Mr. Ivey, there is
- 2 a couple questions I need to ask you. You will
- 3 proceed first. First, actually, if you could stand
- 4 and raise your right hand.
- 5 (Whereupon the witness was duly
- 6 sworn by Judge Tapia.)
- 7 KERRY IVEY
- 8 called as a pro se witness, having been first duly
- 9 sworn, testified as follows:
- 10 JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Ivey, you have your testimony
- 11 and -- well, we can begin with your opening statement
- or we can begin with your testimony; what would you
- 13 like to do? Would you like to start with your
- 14 opening statement? What I need from you to hear is
- 15 what the amount in controversy is, exactly the
- 16 amount, and the relief you are requesting.
- 17 MR. IVEY: The exact amount?
- 18 JUDGE TAPIA: Yes.
- 19 MR. IVEY: According to what their amount is,
- 20 it is --
- 21 JUDGE TAPIA: Because there was a couple of
- 22 conflicts.

- 1 MR. IVEY: Yes, there is because there has been
- 2 interest added and stuff like that and late fees
- 3 added. I don't even know what all the late fees are.
- 4 I have no idea because I paid part of them and part
- of them they stopped.
- 6 JUDGE TAPIA: So you are asking for a certain
- 7 amount of money in relation to this case, but you are
- 8 not sure what that is.
- 9 MR. IVEY: I am just going by what on my last
- 10 --
- JUDGE TAPIA: Let's start with your testimony
- 12 then. Did you file testimony on October 15, your
- direct testimony?
- MR. IVEY: Yes.
- JUDGE TAPIA: And I am going to ask you a
- 16 series of questions. Would your answers be the same
- if you were asked today?
- 18 MR. IVEY: Yes.
- 19 JUDGE TAPIA: And are there any changes,
- 20 additions, modifications that you would like to make
- 21 to your testimony?
- 22 MR. IVEY: The only modification is right here.

- 1 JUDGE TAPIA: For the record you have to state
- 2 it.
- 3 MR. IVEY: I said in the record that I talked
- 4 to Kelly on April 8. It was April 6 we talked.
- 5 JUDGE TAPIA: Now the year, you say 2009; do
- 6 you mean 2008?
- 7 MR. IVEY: 2008.
- 8 JUDGE TAPIA: We will have the report reflect
- 9 that it was April 6, 2008. Now, you have an amount
- on this statement \$966.89.
- 11 MR. IVEY: Yes.
- 12 JUDGE TAPIA: Is that the amount in
- 13 controversy?
- 14 MR. IVEY: That's the amount at the time we
- 15 started, but there has been interest added since
- 16 then. It makes it, according to what their records
- 17 sent to me, 1115 -- I think it was 1115.98 on the
- 18 house bill.
- JUDGE TAPIA: So perhaps we will get that
- 20 amount cleared up when the defense presents its case
- or Ameren presents its case. And the exhibits, do
- 22 you have your exhibits that can be entered into the

- 1 record today? Oh, actually, I am sorry, let me talk
- 2 to you about your rebuttal testimony. Did you file
- 3 your rebuttal testimony on December 29, 2009?
- 4 MR. IVEY: Yes.
- 5 JUDGE TAPIA: And would your answers be the
- 6 same if asked today?
- 7 MR. IVEY: Yes.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Are there any changes,
- 9 modifications that you would like to make today?
- 10 MR. IVEY: Not on rebuttal, no.
- 11 JUDGE TAPIA: Okay. And would you like to
- 12 enter into the record your testimony, your direct
- 13 testimony filed on October 15 and your rebuttal
- 14 testimony filed on December 29?
- MR. IVEY: Yes.
- 16 JUDGE TAPIA: And I will go over the exhibits
- 17 in a minute. Mr. Davis, are there any objections to
- 18 enter the direct testimony of Mr. Ivey that was filed
- 19 on October 15 and the rebuttal testimony filed on
- 20 December 29?
- 21 MR. DAVIS: Yes, Your Honor, I have a series of
- 22 particular objections which I can point specifically

- in the testimony to where my objections are.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Okay.
- 3 MR. DAVIS: On Mr. Ivey's first direct
- 4 testimony that was filed, if you look at paragraph 3
- 5 which is at the bottom of page 1, there is a series
- of hearsay statements that I would move to be
- 7 stricken.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Ivey, any response to that,
- 9 to the objection of Mr. Davis, paragraph 3 where you
- 10 state -- okay, actually, can you specifically direct
- 11 me to the sentence, Mr. Davis?
- MR. DAVIS: Yes, the first sentence, "Kelly
- 13 says that she moved out in September and that Amber
- 14 Throgmorton and two girls moved in, " that statement
- is clearly hearsay because it is not a statement made
- 16 by the witness here today.
- 17 The next sentence in that same
- 18 paragraph is, "The landlord, Mark Leman, is not sure
- 19 when they moved in and Kelly moved out." This
- 20 statement is either hearsay or it is outside the
- 21 knowledge of this witness, what Mark Leman knew.
- The next sentence where it says, "He

- 1 said that," it appears that that's a statement to be
- 2 made by Mark Leman, the landlord, that's clearly
- 3 hearsay which should be stricken.
- 4 And then the last sentence -- the last
- 5 two sentences I do not have any objection to in that
- 6 paragraph.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Okay, Mr. Ivey, what's your
- 8 response to Mr. Davis' hearsay objection to those
- 9 lines?
- 10 MR. IVEY: Well, since these witnesses don't
- 11 come here and I was told that hearsay carried the
- 12 same amount of evidence with me as with him, I don't
- 13 see why it is objectible. I am just giving
- 14 information I was given since I didn't live there.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Why is it you don't have your
- 16 witnesses here, Mr. Ivey? Why don't you have Ms.
- 17 Kelly here or Mr. Leman?
- 18 MR. IVEY: Because Kelly isn't about to come
- 19 and Mr. Leman is very, very hard to get a hold of.
- 20 All he would do is give me a letter signed and
- 21 notarized, is the only thing he would give me.
- JUDGE TAPIA: The objection is sustained.

- 1 MR. DAVIS: Thank you, Judge. I have another
- 2 objection in the same testimony to, if you move to
- 3 page 2 where he states, "Now to sum up the facts," if
- 4 you go to paragraph 3 of that, it states, "The
- 5 landlord, Mark Leman, at 508 East Gift Avenue,
- 6 Peoria, Illinois, says that I have never lived here, "
- 7 that's a hearsay statement that I object to.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Ivey, your response to
- 9 Mr. Davis' objection, to the third line in page 2,
- 10 same reason?
- MR. IVEY: That's the same as before.
- 12 JUDGE TAPIA: Okay. Objection sustained.
- 13 MR. DAVIS: My next objection, Your Honor,
- involves paragraph 7 or numbered paragraph 7 under 3.
- 15 It says, "Detective Gillson called Ameren's
- 16 representative and told him that I have been a victim
- 17 of ID theft in this case and in the past and that I
- 18 lived at 1186 Upper Spring Bay Road, East Peoria, and
- 19 never had lived at 508 East Gift Avenue in Peoria."
- 20 This numbered paragraph 7 is a hearsay statement and
- 21 also outside the personal knowledge of the witness
- 22 here today, and I ask that it be stricken.

- JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Ivey, your response, if any?
- 2 MR. IVEY: I really don't understand. This is
- 3 a police report. Why would it be hearsay?
- 4 MR. DAVIS: Your Honor, may I respond?
- JUDGE TAPIA: Yes.
- 6 MR. DAVIS: I am not objecting to the police
- 7 report. I am objecting to what is allegedly said by
- 8 these individuals by Mr. Gillson, not the document
- 9 itself which is the police report.
- 10 JUDGE TAPIA: Okay.
- MR. IVEY: Well, basically, it don't make sense
- 12 to me because if that's the case, then everything
- 13 here is hearsay because, I mean, he says I called in
- 14 there and I didn't. So it is hearsay. He didn't
- 15 talk to me personally and document it. That's
- 16 hearsay.
- 17 JUDGE TAPIA: Objection sustained.
- MR. DAVIS: Your Honor, moving on to he has an
- 19 underlying statement that says "Ameren's side" at the
- 20 bottom of page 2 that moves on to page 3. I will
- 21 just go one by one.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Yes.

- 1 MR. DAVIS: Number one states Ameren has a
- 2 hearsay request for undocumented utilities from and
- 3 undocumented person from an unknown phone number.
- 4 This statement is outside the knowledge of the
- 5 witness and it contains a legal conclusion that is
- 6 improper and should be stricken, and I ask that it be
- 7 stricken.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Ivey, your response, if any,
- 9 your response to Mr. Davis in regards to statement
- 10 one?
- 11 MR. IVEY: He said I had -- repeat that.
- 12 JUDGE TAPIA: You don't have personal knowledge
- 13 of this information, basically, Mr. Davis?
- 14 MR. DAVIS: Yes.
- JUDGE TAPIA: What is your response, if any?
- 16 If you don't have a response, that's okay.
- 17 MR. IVEY: My response is if he didn't get it
- 18 from me, he has undocumented statements, according to
- 19 what I was told by the Attorney General that all
- 20 telephone contracts are followed up with a written
- 21 contract to make them legal. I called the Attorney
- 22 General and asked him myself and he said that -- he

- 1 said otherwise it is just undocumented. It isn't
- 2 really legal in a court.
- 3 JUDGE TAPIA: Okay, objection sustained.
- 4 MR. DAVIS: Your Honor, for paragraphs 2, 3 and
- 5 4 I renew my objection that it is outside his
- 6 personal knowledge and it improperly contains legal
- 7 conclusions and should be stricken.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Ivey, your response, if any?
- 9 MR. IVEY: The same. If I didn't give him
- information, then he don't have legal documents.
- 11 JUDGE TAPIA: Okay. Objection sustained.
- MR. DAVIS: Your Honor, those are all of my
- objections with regard to the first direct testimony.
- 14 I do have some objections to the rebuttal testimony.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Otherwise, with those corrections
- 16 you don't object to the admission of the direct
- 17 testimony of October 15, aside from all the rulings?
- 18 Are we finished? In other words, are we finished
- 19 with the direct testimony?
- 20 MR. DAVIS: I have no objection to the entry of
- 21 that direct testimony and the exhibit which is
- 22 attached.

- 1 JUDGE TAPIA: Okay. Well, then hearing no
- 2 objection, aside from my rulings, the testimony of
- 3 Kerry Ivey filed on October 15, '09, with the
- 4 corrections made by Mr. Ivey are entered into the
- 5 record.
- 6 (Whereupon Kerry Ivey Direct
- 7 Testimony was admitted into
- 8 evidence.)
- 9 JUDGE TAPIA: Okay. Mr. Davis, your response
- 10 to Mr. Ivey's rebuttal? Any objection?
- MR. DAVIS: Your Honor, yes. In paragraph 2
- 12 which would be under line 88 to 95, it states -- let
- me have a moment. It is a long paragraph.
- 14 JUDGE TAPIA: Could we go off the record for
- 15 one second?
- 16 (Whereupon there was then had an
- off-the-record discussion.)
- JUDGE TAPIA: Back on the record. Okay,
- 19 Mr. Davis, do you have any objections to the rebuttal
- 20 testimony of Mr. Ivey?
- MR. DAVIS: Yes, Your Honor. On page 1 under
- what's titled paragraph line 88 to 95, if you review

- 1 the last three or four sentences, it states,
- 2 "Detective Gillson said that I followed each step of
- 3 the procedure properly. He said that he informed
- 4 Mr. Fisher of proper procedure, too." These are
- 5 hearsay statements which I would ask to be stricken.
- 6 JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Ivey, a response, if any?
- 7 You don't always have to have a response, but if you
- 8 do, I will hear it.
- 9 MR. IVEY: Well, if it is hearsay evidence that
- 10 states I followed the procedure properly, I guess it
- 11 is hearsay evidence.
- 12 JUDGE TAPIA: Hearing no objection, the
- 13 objection is sustained.
- 14 MR. DAVIS: Your Honor, my next objection, if
- 15 you look at what's titled line 147 to 155, under that
- 16 it states, "Ms. Throgmorton was told by the landlord
- 17 that make sure that all the utilities in her name
- 18 when she moved in. This was told to me by the
- 19 landlord, Mark Leman."
- 20 Continuing onto the next sentence
- 21 after that, "Mr. Leman said that Ms. Throgmorton
- 22 assured him that in the first part of November that

- the utilities were in her name."
- 2 My objection revolves around all
- 3 sentences in that paragraph except for sentence
- 4 three, as all hearsay statements.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Ivey, what's your response,
- 6 if any?
- 7 MR. IVEY: I really don't have a response to
- 8 that.
- 9 JUDGE TAPIA: Hearing no objection, the
- 10 objection is sustained.
- 11 MR. DAVIS: Your Honor, my final objection
- 12 revolves around the paragraph that is at the bottom
- of page 2 of the rebuttal testimony under line 210 to
- 14 217. If you look at what appears to be the beginning
- of sentence 2 or sentence 3, "I called (ICC) Patty
- 16 Blue and told her that they planned to disconnect me
- on August 6, 2009. She said they cannot do that
- 18 because ICC have ordered Ameren not to disconnect
- 19 until the investigation is completed and not to worry
- 20 about it."
- 21 Continuing a few sentences forward it
- 22 states again, quoting Patty Blue, "I cannot believe

- 1 that Ameren defied my direct order. She said I will
- 2 call you back in five minutes. She sounded very mad
- 3 on this issue. She called back in five minutes and
- 4 said Ameren will be out immediately to reconnect
- 5 you."
- 6 Skip one sentence and then it says,
- 7 "And she said she will mail out the complete form
- 8 immediately."
- 9 All of these statements are hearsay
- 10 and I would object to their entry and I would ask
- 11 that they be stricken.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Ivey, a response, if any, to
- 13 Mr. Davis' objection?
- MR. IVEY: Actually, that's just part of ICC
- 15 record. I mean, they can pull that their selves,
- 16 which I don't have access to. And I was told that I
- 17 didn't need Patty Blue to come to testify to that.
- 18 JUDGE TAPIA: The objection is sustained.
- 19 Anything else, Mr. Davis?
- 20 MR. DAVIS: Not on the rebuttal testimony, Your
- 21 Honor.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Okay. Then the rebuttal

- 1 testimony of Mr. Ivey is entered into the record and
- 2 the hearsay statements were ruled upon and are
- 3 stricken from the record.
- 4 (Whereupon Kerry Ivey Rebuttal
- 5 Testimony was admitted into
- 6 evidence.)
- 7 JUDGE TAPIA: Now we are ready to enter your
- 8 exhibits, Mr. Ivey. We can go one by one.
- 9 MR. IVEY: Okay.
- 10 JUDGE TAPIA: If you can hand me your exhibit
- one by one, I can see what they are and identify it
- 12 for the record what it is.
- 13 MR. IVEY: This is to show who was living at
- 14 508 East Gift Street in Peoria. The landlord gave
- 15 that to me. He said they left it there, so.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Do you need anything to be
- 17 confidential in this document?
- MR. IVEY: No, that has nothing to do with me.
- 19 JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Davis, any objection to
- 20 Complainant's Exhibit A?
- 21 MR. DAVIS: Yes, Your Honor. First, pursuant
- 22 to the scheduling order this was not produced in his

- direct testimony, from your scheduling order of, I
- 2 believe, September 29. In addition, looking at this
- 3 exhibit, it is billing a person named Amber
- 4 Throgmorton and it is produced by Comcast. Mr. Ivey
- 5 does not have a witness here today from Comcast or
- 6 Amber Throgmorton to testify as to the authenticity
- 7 of this exhibit. And as he cannot testify personally
- 8 to its authenticity, I would ask that it be stricken.
- 9 JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Ivey, your response?
- 10 MR. IVEY: My response is that this is a legal
- 11 bill sent out by a legal company to a legal address
- in Peoria and it isn't hearsay.
- MR. DAVIS: I would just conclude, Your Honor,
- 14 that the conclusion of what I was saying is that this
- 15 document is hearsay. I didn't make that clear.
- 16 JUDGE TAPIA: Thank you. The objection is
- 17 sustained and Complainant's Exhibit A is stricken.
- 18 You can go to your second.
- 19 MR. IVEY: Same thing.
- 20 JUDGE TAPIA: Identify it for the record.
- 21 MR. IVEY: It's an exhibit for proving who
- 22 lived at East Gift during that period.

- JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Davis, same objection?
- 2 MR. DAVIS: Renew my objection, Your Honor, for
- 3 Exhibit B.
- 4 JUDGE TAPIA: Complainant Exhibit B is
- 5 stricken. The objection is sustained.
- 6 Mr. Ivey, Exhibit C?
- 7 MR. IVEY: This is for the part of the
- 8 testimony you said I had to prove where I lived. I
- 9 lived at a certain address. These are my insurance
- 10 cards.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Do you want anything confidential
- 12 on this card?
- MR. IVEY: Really nothing, just my name and
- 14 address on there.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Okay. Mr. Davis, any objection
- 16 to Exhibit C?
- 17 MR. DAVIS: My objection is that it didn't
- 18 comply with your scheduling order of September 29,
- 19 2009. It was not presented to me before today's
- 20 hearing. It should therefore be stricken.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Ivey, let me ask you, why is
- 22 it that you did not produce these documents to

- 1 opposing counsel?
- 2 MR. IVEY: This is all the stuff I sent in and
- 3 they sent back to me, every bit of it.
- 4 JUDGE TAPIA: You sent it to --
- 5 MR. IVEY: At the last meeting we had, you said
- 6 I had to send this to the clerk and have it put on.
- 7 JUDGE TAPIA: You are not answering my
- 8 question, Mr. Ivey. Why is it that you didn't
- 9 produce these documents to Mr. Davis, the opposing
- 10 counsel? Why didn't you send him a copy of it? Just
- 11 like you sent your direct testimony to the ICC, to
- 12 myself and to Mr. Davis, why is it you did not send
- 13 these to Mr. Davis? Why is it a surprise to him
- 14 today?
- MR. IVEY: I was told it was all going to come
- 16 off the e-Docket. Everything I sent in he would get
- 17 from the e-Docket.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Let me ask you, did you produce
- 19 your direct testimony to Mr. Davis? Did you give him
- 20 a copy of your direct testimony?
- 21 MR. IVEY: I sent it to e-Docket.
- MR. DAVIS: I did receive a copy of both the

- direct testimony and rebuttal testimony and any
- 2 exhibits that were attached.
- JUDGE TAPIA: So I am renewing my question.
- 4 Why is it that you didn't produce, just like you
- 5 produced your testimony, why is it that you didn't
- 6 produce the exhibits to Mr. Davis?
- 7 MR. IVEY: Well, that's what I was told to do,
- 8 just send it to e-Docket, and that's the way he would
- 9 get the evidence. This stuff wasn't mailed to you
- 10 directly. It was e-mailed to you. And everything I
- 11 have sent in e-mail is getting kicked back to me
- 12 saying I am not sending it right, I don't have the
- 13 access code. What access code do I have to e-mail?
- 14 MR. DAVIS: To clarify for the record, I have
- 15 received a copy via e-mail or mail, I don't remember
- 16 exactly at the time, both the direct testimony and
- 17 rebuttal testimony. The new exhibits that he has
- 18 presented, A, B and C so far, I have not received in
- 19 any form whatsoever and I have never -- I have never
- 20 seen them or received them.
- 21 MR. IVEY: All I know is I was told if I sent
- it to the Clerk's office, they put it on e-Docket and

- 1 that's where he gets his and that's where I have been
- 2 getting mine.
- 3 JUDGE TAPIA: That's not proper service, Mr.
- 4 Ivey.
- 5 MR. IVEY: I haven't gotten anything but what I
- 6 got off.
- 7 JUDGE TAPIA: Well, let me ask you this and
- 8 this is out of my curiosity. Are these documents
- 9 filed on e-Docket?
- MR. IVEY: That's the ones I all sent; they
- 11 sent back to me.
- 12 JUDGE TAPIA: They are not filed on e-Docket?
- MR. IVEY: No, they sent them all back to me,
- 14 every one of them. They said it had too much
- 15 personal information.
- 16 JUDGE TAPIA: Okay.
- 17 MR. IVEY: That's what I don't understand about
- 18 all this stuff is I am told to do this and I do it
- 19 and they send it back.
- 20 JUDGE TAPIA: Okay. You know that little
- 21 yellow booklet that you got, that you received from
- the Clerk's office? That tells you exactly how to

- 1 proceed with a case.
- 2 MR. IVEY: This?
- JUDGE TAPIA: No, no, there is a little
- 4 booklet. It's a little booklet. Well, at this point
- 5 in time we are not --
- 6 MR. IVEY: I got a big, thick booklet that
- 7 showed a bunch of cases you could review on what
- 8 people -- other cases like, you know, something like
- 9 this one, but I didn't get no yellow booklet. I just
- 10 got the white one and this thing.
- JUDGE TAPIA: We are going to have to speed
- this up a little bit. Why don't you go through your
- exhibits and what you have produced to Mr. Davis, we
- 14 will go ahead and see if he has an objection. But
- 15 whatever you have not produced to Mr. Davis, today is
- 16 not the day to present him with new evidence. Today
- 17 is to enter all the evidence that's been filed and
- 18 ready to be entered into the evidence. So if you can
- 19 go through your -- and I will go off the record to
- 20 give you some time to do that. Whatever you have
- 21 produced to Mr. Davis, that's what we will go ahead
- 22 and enter into the record.

- 1 MR. IVEY: What about the stuff that's been
- 2 already in --
- 3 JUDGE TAPIA: That's just the exhibits.
- 4 MR. IVEY: I am losing my voice. An affidavit
- 5 that was sent to CILCO, to Ameren.
- 6 MR. DAVIS: That's attached to your direct
- 7 testimony so that's already been entered.
- 8 MR. IVEY: That's already been entered. Okay,
- 9 that would be E.
- 10 MR. DAVIS: I mean, I would just in summary,
- 11 what's attached, the only exhibit --
- 12 JUDGE TAPIA: But I have to identify them for
- 13 the record, Mr. Davis. If you would know exactly
- 14 what they are numbered, I think that would help
- 15 Mr. Ivey. We will go off the record for a second.
- 16 (Whereupon there was then had an
- 17 off-the-record discussion.)
- JUDGE TAPIA: Back on the record. Mr. Ivey, I
- 19 have in front of me Exhibit G, Exhibit F, J and K.
- 20 Let's start with G. Is your purpose today to enter
- 21 Exhibit G into the record here today?
- MR. IVEY: Yes.

- JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Davis, any objection?
- 2 MR. DAVIS: No objection.
- 3 JUDGE TAPIA: Thank you. Hearing no objection,
- 4 Exhibit G, Complainant's Exhibit G, is entered into
- 5 the record.
- 6 (Whereupon Complainant's Exhibit
- 7 G was marked for purposes of
- 8 identification and admitted into
- 9 evidence.)
- 10 JUDGE TAPIA: Exhibit F is a driver's license.
- 11 Mr. Ivey, are you wanting to enter into the record
- 12 your driver's license, a copy of your driver's
- 13 license, Exhibit F?
- 14 MR. IVEY: Yes.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Any objection, Mr. Davis?
- MR. DAVIS: No objection.
- 17 JUDGE TAPIA: Hearing no objection, Exhibit F
- 18 is entered into the record.
- 19 (Whereupon Complainant's Exhibit
- 20 F was marked for purposes of
- 21 identification and admitted into
- 22 evidence.)

- 1 JUDGE TAPIA: Is there anything here that you
- 2 want confidential?
- 3 MR. IVEY: Yeah, the numbers on it,
- 4 identification numbers.
- 5 JUDGE TAPIA: Okay. And I will grant you a
- 6 motion for leave to redact that information and file
- 7 it with the Clerk so they can file it on e-Docket.
- 8 This will be marked confidential.
- 9 Moving on to Exhibit J, is it your
- intention to enter into the record Exhibit J,
- 11 Mr. Ivey?
- MR. IVEY: Yes.
- 13 JUDGE TAPIA: Any objection, Mr. Davis?
- MR. DAVIS: No objection.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Hearing no objection, Exhibit J
- 16 is entered into the record.
- 17 (Whereupon Complainant's Exhibit
- J was marked for purposes of
- 19 identification and admitted into
- 20 evidence.)
- 21 JUDGE TAPIA: Is there anything on this
- 22 document that you want confidential?

- 1 MR. IVEY: Yeah, most of it.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Okay, then I will grant you a
- 3 motion for leave to file a redacted version. J will
- 4 be considered confidential. I am sorry, Mr. Davis,
- 5 did you have a comment?
- 6 MR. DAVIS: No.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Moving on to Exhibit K, Mr. Ivey,
- 8 is it your intention to enter into the record Exhibit
- 9 K?
- 10 MR. IVEY: Yes.
- 11 JUDGE TAPIA: Which is a Woodford County
- 12 Sheriff Department case report?
- MR. IVEY: Yes.
- 14 JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Davis, any objection?
- MR. DAVIS: May I have a moment?
- 16 JUDGE TAPIA: Yes.
- 17 (Pause.)
- JUDGE TAPIA: Let's go back on the record.
- 19 Mr. Davis, do you have an objection to
- 20 the admission of Exhibit K, Complainant's Exhibit K?
- 21 MR. DAVIS: Yes, Your Honor, it does not comply
- 22 with the scheduling order previously entered

- 1 September 29, 2009, as it was not disclosed to
- 2 respondent's counsel.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Ivey, a response to
- 4 Mr. Davis' objection that you didn't produce it?
- 5 MR. IVEY: I have no response, no objection to
- 6 that, that it really don't pertain to this case.
- 7 JUDGE TAPIA: Okay, objection sustained. So
- 8 the objection is sustained. The exhibit is not
- 9 entered into the record.
- 10 Okay, are we ready to -- are you going
- 11 to rest your case, Mr. Ivey? We have entered your
- 12 direct testimony. We have entered the exhibits and I
- 13 have asked you if there is any changes and, of
- 14 course, the only thing that you have not told me is
- 15 the amount in controversy.
- Mr. Davis, for clarification, do you
- 17 know the exact amount in controversy in this case?
- MR. DAVIS: My witness will testify when the
- 19 direct testimony is submitted that the amount is
- 20 \$955.15 and we would stipulate to that amount.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Okay. One more time, Mr. Davis,
- 22 955?

- 1 MR. DAVIS: And 15 cents.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Ivey, does that amount sound
- 3 accurate?
- 4 MR. IVEY: That's the amount it was when I
- 5 started this case, yes. I just don't know what the
- 6 interest is. They keep adding 22, 28 dollars a
- 7 month.
- 8 JUDGE TAPIA: But you are not prepared to tell
- 9 me what that is, what amount?
- 10 MR. DAVIS: It changes each month. That's what
- 11 the problem is. If you look in here, it started at 8
- something, it's gone up to 9 something, it keeps
- 13 going up. So they are adding interest and I can't
- 14 keep adding it to.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Don't you have the last bill?
- MR. IVEY: At home.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Why didn't you bring it here
- 18 today to know exactly how much -- then I am going to
- 19 have to go with Mr. Davis' amount.
- 20 MR. IVEY: That's what I don't understand about
- 21 this whole deal, is I get another bill next month and
- 22 it will be higher. And do I bring it in again next

- 1 month and change the testimony again?
- JUDGE TAPIA: Well, today is the evidentiary
- 3 hearing and it was very unclear because your direct
- 4 testimony said one amount and then the --
- 5 MR. IVEY: I know, because I keep changing it.
- 6 They keep adding that interest and stuff and late
- 7 charges. Each month they add this, and it varies
- 8 because of the new amount. So it is new each month,
- 9 the late charges. I have no way of figuring that.
- 10 JUDGE TAPIA: At the end of this hearing I will
- 11 determine what amount is in controversy because I
- 12 have to come up with an amount. There has to be a
- 13 judgment amount.
- MR. IVEY: So I would have to --
- JUDGE TAPIA: We are going to determine this
- 16 today, hopefully.
- 17 Do you rest? Is there anything else
- 18 you want to say before we move to the respondent?
- 19 MR. IVEY: Yes, but I sit on the stand some of
- 20 the stuff I was told to bring this time.
- 21 JUDGE TAPIA: Let me just explain it briefly.
- 22 Today is not the day to submit new information, new

- 1 evidence. Whatever the respondent has not seen is
- 2 not fair for him to be surprised today.
- 3 MR. IVEY: Yeah, I understand that.
- 4 JUDGE TAPIA: So it wasn't entered into the
- 5 record. However, I will consider what was entered
- 6 into the record plus your testimony, and that was
- 7 done. Anything else in addition that you would like
- 8 to say before we move it to --
- 9 MR. IVEY: So we are not into the part where
- 10 what you told me last time over the phone where we
- 11 had -- you said when you come you will be asked to
- 12 prove your end of it, where you lived at and was it
- 13 your bill.
- 14 JUDGE TAPIA: Well, you have done this in your
- 15 direct testimony and your rebuttal testimony. You
- 16 have done that. Today is entering it into the
- 17 record.
- 18 MR. IVEY: That's what I didn't understand.
- 19 JUDGE TAPIA: Just filing it is not entering
- 20 into the record. If it is here on the record with
- 21 the court reporter, that's when we enter it into the
- 22 record. You have already testified and you said

- 1 there is no modification with the exception of the
- ones you made earlier today, and I am going to
- 3 consider those changes.
- 4 MR. IVEY: Okay.
- 5 JUDGE TAPIA: Okay. The complainant has rested
- 6 his case. Mr. Davis, you can present your case.
- 7 MR. DAVIS: Your Honor, I have some cross
- 8 examination.
- 9 JUDGE TAPIA: Oh, of course. I apologize.
- 10 Mr. Davis, any cross for Mr. Ivey?
- 11 MR. DAVIS: Yes, Your Honor.
- 12 CROSS EXAMINATION
- 13 BY MR. DAVIS:
- Q. Mr. Ivey, isn't it true that your
- 15 daughter -- you have a daughter named Kelly Ivey?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Isn't it true that she lived in an address
- in Peoria that is 508 East Gift Avenue, Peoria,
- 19 Illinois?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Isn't it true that she lived at that
- 22 address in a time period sometime in year 2007 and

- 1 then continuing through 2008?
- 2 A. I think she might have lived there in 2006,
- 3 too.
- 4 Q. Okay. In addition.
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. But she did live there the beginning of
- 7 2008?
- 8 A. Yeah, she lived there a couple years.
- 9 Q. Isn't it true that you have been a customer
- 10 of Ameren at your address at Upper Spring Bay in East
- 11 Peoria for some time?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. Isn't it true that your daughter Kelly Ivey
- 14 her utility service at the East Gift Avenue address
- was shut off in April of 2008?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Isn't it true that you had discussions with
- 18 your daughter Kelly Ivey about placing the electric
- 19 service at the Gift Avenue address in your name?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. I would direct your attention to the police
- 22 report which you produced as an exhibit to your

- 1 direct testimony, page 2. Do you have a copy
- 2 available in front of you?
- 3 A. Police testimony?
- 4 Q. This is your testimony which I am just
- 5 giving these details methodically?
- 6 A. The police report, you mean?
- 7 O. Yes.
- 8 A. Page 2, yeah.
- 9 O. Yes. And I am being methodical on how I am
- 10 describing this for the purposes of the record, at
- 11 the end of -- this is a police report which you would
- 12 have produced with the Woodford County Sheriff's
- 13 Department, is that correct?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Is it correct that this was a report
- 16 produced by Detective Robert Gillson based upon
- 17 statements that you made to him?
- 18 A. Yeah, over the phone, yes.
- 19 Q. So you made statements regarding a
- 20 situation which you thought was problematic and he
- 21 produced a report based on what you said and this is
- the report that he produced, is that correct?

- 1 A. Yeah, basically, yes.
- Q. Now, have you had a chance to thoroughly
- 3 review this report?
- A. Not totally. I have just gone over
- 5 basically on --
- 6 Q. But you produced it as an exhibit today so
- 7 you do know the contents of this police report?
- 8 A. Yeah, basically.
- 9 Q. And this police report is true and accurate
- 10 regarding what you presented that day?
- 11 A. I think so. I have to reread it. I didn't
- 12 memorize everything. Reread everything that's on it.
- Q. So is the answer yes, that is a fair
- 14 representation of what you reported that day to
- 15 Mr. Gillson?
- 16 A. Yes, I think so.
- 17 Q. Now --
- 18 A. I haven't gone over it in detail.
- 19 Q. Now, am I reading it correctly that on page
- 20 2 of the report, paragraph 1, it states -- and this
- 21 is in reference to you, statements you made -- "He
- 22 stated that back in the beginning of 2008 that Kelly

- 1 had used his information to obtain AmerenCILCO
- 2 service at the residence. He stated that he spoke
- 3 with Kelly about this and that she agreed to cancel
- 4 the service and place it in her name." Is that what
- 5 it says on this police report?
- 6 A. I don't know where you are at.
- 7 Q. It's the last two sentences of paragraph 1
- 8 where I am indicating with my finger.
- 9 A. Fair enough. "He stated that back in the
- 10 beginning of 2008 that Kelly used his information to
- 11 obtain CILCO service at the residence."
- 12 Q. And then the last sentence --
- 13 A. That's what I told you, illegally.
- 14 O. I just asked you if that's what it said
- there and when it says "he," that's referring to
- 16 statements that you made and when it says "Kelly," it
- is referring to your daughter Kelly Ivey, and when it
- 18 states "residence," it's referring to the Gift Avenue
- 19 residence, is that true?
- 20 A. Yes, that states that.
- Q. Isn't it true that in your direct testimony
- 22 you identify that you had a conversation with your

- 1 daughter, and your wife was present, that you would
- 2 agree to put the service in your name at Gift Avenue?
- 3 A. That's only part of what was said in that
- 4 statement. I said that Kelly called us, we was at
- 5 WalMart that night, and asked us if we would put the
- 6 utilities at Gift in our name. I asked my wife and
- 7 she said, well, yes, but we are going to have
- 8 stipulations on it.
- 9 Q. Okay. Well, I have further questions then.
- 10 Later you -- strike that.
- 11 At any point after that -- this
- 12 conversation you say took place, this was about in
- 13 April 2008, is that correct?
- 14 A. April 6, I think it was.
- Q. Okay. After that point at any time in 2008
- 16 did you contact Ameren and ask them to disconnect the
- 17 service in your name at Gift Avenue?
- 18 A. No, it wouldn't be in my name now.
- 19 Q. Did you ever file a police report against
- 20 your daughter alleging identity theft for putting the
- 21 service in your name at Gift Avenue or were the only
- 22 reports against a person named Amber Throgmorton?

- 1 A. Basically it was for both people because
- 2 the bill was split between the time she left and the
- 3 time that this other girl took over the residency.
- 4 It went to November, from what I was told by Ameren
- 5 from -- it was an accumulation of past bills, I
- 6 guess.
- 7 Q. So is it correct that -- you say there is a
- 8 division of time. So this Kelly Ivey and Amber
- 9 Throgmorton both lived at Gift Avenue at some point?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And it was in 2008 and at some point Kelly,
- 12 your daughter, moved out of the Gift Avenue address
- and this Amber Throgmorton moved in, is that correct?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. So at some point you are saying the service
- 16 should have been shut off in your name for Kelly and
- 17 that it should have been started in this name of
- 18 Amber Throgmorton?
- 19 A. It never should have been in my name in the
- 20 first place. That's what I told the cop, the police
- 21 officer. I told him, I said, "I never called Ameren
- 22 to put it in my name at all. We just discussed doing

- 1 it." She didn't like the stipulations we had on
- there. If we were going to do it, she would have to
- 3 agree with Ameren that if she didn't pay that bill on
- 4 time, that Ameren would cut it off that month, and
- 5 she wouldn't agree to that.
- 6 Q. So after you discussed putting the bill in
- 7 your name, you never contacted Ameren to disconnect
- 8 it?
- 9 A. No, I did not. I didn't put it in my name.
- 10 What do you mean after I put it in my name? I didn't
- 11 put it in my name. I just stated that. You said
- 12 after I put it in my name. I never put it in my
- 13 name.
- 14 O. Is it true that you -- isn't it true that
- 15 you contacted Ameren in June of 2009 regarding the
- 16 bill which had been charged to you for the East Gift
- 17 Avenue address?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And at this time you spoke with Ameren
- 20 regarding this discussion that you had with your
- 21 daughter regarding putting the service in your name?
- 22 A. Yes. You mean --

- 1 MR. DAVIS: I have no further questions, Your
- 2 Honor.
- 3 MR. IVEY: You mean the ID theft guy, that's
- 4 who you are talking about that I talked to, the
- 5 gentleman that handles the investigation?
- 6 MR. DAVIS: You mean the gentleman at Ameren
- 7 who you spoke to?
- 8 MR. IVEY: Yes.
- 9 MR. DAVIS: Yes. That's who you talked to.
- 10 MR. IVEY: But we talked to Ameren before that,
- 11 too.
- MR. DAVIS: You talked to Ameren before that.
- MR. IVEY: Yes.
- 14 MR. DAVIS: But in August or June of 2009 you
- 15 did speak with John at Ameren about this situation
- 16 with -- your discussion with your daughter regarding
- 17 putting the service in your name, this was discussed?
- MR. IVEY: Yes.
- MR. DAVIS: I have no further questions.
- 20 JUDGE TAPIA: Thank you, Mr. Davis. Anything
- 21 you wanted to clarify in particular to the questions
- 22 that Mr. Davis asked?

- 1 MR. IVEY: Yes. As I have stated in my reports
- 2 all along, I have never contacted Ameren and had that
- 3 Gift Avenue put in my name. Like I said in my
- 4 report, we talked about having it, but she didn't
- 5 like the stipulation and said that she had other
- 6 options she had to check in first. She never
- 7 contacted us back. And when I contacted her back and
- 8 asked her if her electricity was okay, she said it is
- 9 all paid up, it was in her name.
- 10 JUDGE TAPIA: Okay, anything else for recross
- 11 for what he just said? Any questions, Mr. Davis?
- MR. DAVIS: I have nothing further.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Okay, thank you. Then Mr. Ivey
- 14 rests.
- Now for you, Mr. Davis, if you would
- 16 like to present your first witness.
- 17 MR. DAVIS: Can I make a short opening
- 18 statement?
- 19 JUDGE TAPIA: Absolutely.
- 20 MR. DAVIS: I would like to just give a
- 21 thumbnail sketch of what the case is here and what
- 22 the testimony will show through the testimony and the

- 1 exhibits that we presented.
- 2 Mr. Ivey has been a long term customer
- 3 of Ameren. His address where he has lived for some
- 4 time has been in East Peoria and it's an Upper Spring
- 5 Bay Road address in East Peoria. As the evidence
- 6 reflects, he has a daughter named Kelly Ivey and
- 7 Kelly Ivey had lived at this Gift Avenue address in
- 8 Peoria for some time. As he stated in his testimony,
- 9 starting potentially in 2006 but definitely through
- 10 probably mid-2008 she lived in this address. As the
- 11 testimony will show, this property at Gift Avenue had
- 12 a history of the service being disconnected for
- 13 non-payment and other issues but eventually -- and it
- 14 was in many different names, including Kelly Ivey,
- 15 preceding April 2008.
- But in April 2008 the City of Peoria
- 17 contacted Ameren and contacted the landlord for this
- 18 property at Gift Avenue and stated it's city code
- 19 that there has to be electric service if someone is
- 20 living in the property.
- 21 Not too long after that Ameren did
- 22 receive a phone call regarding reconnecting the

- 1 service. The person identified them self as Kerry
- 2 Ivey, presented social security number, an address
- 3 and other identifying information that did not raise
- 4 any red flags with Ameren whatsoever that they were
- 5 not dealing with Kerry Ivey.
- In Ameren's re-review of their file
- 7 and the recordings and everything, it is potential
- 8 that with the follow-up calls, in addition to this
- 9 call in the middle of April 2008, it is potential
- 10 that this could have been female. The person was not
- in front of one of the representatives from Ameren so
- 12 we don't know for sure if it was male or female.
- 13 And, in addition, it didn't raise any red flags with
- 14 the Ameren customer service representative because
- 15 Kerry is a male and a female name and all of the
- 16 proper identifying information was there, nothing
- 17 fishy was going on, so the service was placed in the
- 18 name of Kelly Ivey.
- 19 Now, the evidence does show that
- 20 Mr. Ivey had several conversations with his daughter
- 21 Kelly Ivey about placing the service in his name.
- 22 There was the conversation that's noted in his direct

- 1 testimony. There is a conversation that he had with
- 2 the ID theft investigator at Ameren in June of 2009,
- 3 and then there are statements made in the police
- 4 report that I pointed out in the cross examination
- 5 where he had given his daughter permission to put the
- 6 service in his name.
- 7 In short, service was provided to the
- 8 Gift Avenue property. It was not paid and eventually
- 9 the service was reconnected to a new customer named
- 10 Amber Throgmorton. Ameren did not act
- inappropriately in any way in this case. They
- 12 followed proper procedures, and the burden in this
- 13 case is on Mr. Ivey to show that someone else, at
- 14 least from what I can tell what his argument is, is
- 15 that someone else improperly put service in his name.
- 16 The burden is on him to prove that here today. He
- 17 hasn't produced his daughter Kelly Ivey as a witness.
- 18 He hasn't produced this landlord that owns the Gift
- 19 Avenue property to say who was in the property and
- 20 when. He hasn't produced any other witnesses
- 21 whatsoever to substantiate his story that this
- agreement didn't come to fruition or that he didn't

- 1 agree with her. Everything in the testimony and in
- 2 the documents produced leave us the conclusion that
- 3 he did give his daughter permission to put this
- 4 service in his name at Gift Avenue.
- 5 Ameren has made best efforts in this
- 6 case on multiple occasions to settle this account,
- 7 including many times this last year and this morning
- 8 before the case. We have made best efforts to comply
- 9 with all Commission rules and we have complied with
- 10 all Commission rules and have dealt with this
- 11 customer fairly, just like we do with every other
- 12 customer.
- 13 So we would ask that the complaint be
- 14 denied, and we believe that the evidence will show
- 15 that Mr. Ivey has not met his burden today in this
- 16 case.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Thank you, Mr. Davis. Call your
- 18 first witness.
- 19 MR. DAVIS: My first witness is Carl Fisher.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Fisher, if you can stand and
- 21 raise your right hand.
- 22 (Whereupon the witness was duly

- sworn by Judge Tapia.)
- JUDGE TAPIA: Whenever you are comfortable,
- 3 Mr. Davis.
- 4 CARL FISHER
- 5 called as a witness on behalf of AmerenCILCO, having
- 6 been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as
- 7 follows:
- 8 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 9 BY MR. DAVIS:
- 10 Q. For the record please note that I am
- 11 handing to the witness Carl Fisher, to the
- 12 Administrative Law Judge Lisa Tapia, to the
- 13 respondent Kerry Ivey, multiple copies of what I have
- 14 previously labeled as Exhibit 1, AmerenCILCO Exhibit
- 15 1.0, AmerenCILCO Exhibit 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4.
- Do you recognize, Mr. Fisher, what I
- 17 am handing you here today?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Is this your prefiled direct testimony with
- 20 attached Exhibits 1.1 to 1.4 which were filed with
- 21 the Illinois Commerce Commission on November 18,
- 22 2009?

- 1 A. Yes, it is.
- Q. Would your answers and your testimony be
- 3 the same today as they were when you filed this
- 4 testify on November 18, 2009?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Are there any changes, additions or
- 7 modifications from that testimony that you wish to
- 8 make today?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Do you wish to add any testimony today
- 11 regarding the manner in which Ameren raises red flags
- if a customer calls if anything sounds not to be
- 13 correct or in the event of the sex of the person who
- 14 is calling and the account holder? Can you please
- 15 comment on that?
- 16 A. Sure. In our system we have no way or
- 17 space to record whether a customer is male or female.
- 18 I have reviewed the call that was placed initially to
- 19 place service in the name. The call did not raise
- 20 any red flags that would cause a customer service
- 21 representative to ask for more information. Should a
- 22 customer or should a caller presenting themselves as

- 1 a customer present anything that would be
- 2 questionable, for example, maybe they give a social
- 3 security number incorrect or a piece of information
- 4 just sounds fishy, our representatives do have
- 5 authority to ask for more information before we grant
- 6 service. At that time the procedure would be for the
- 7 representative to ask the caller to fax in two forms
- 8 of ID. Sometimes we would request notarization if
- 9 there is a question as to whether the IDs were
- 10 compromised.
- 11 When the initial call was placed on
- 12 this, there was nothing that would have caused
- 13 concern for the representative.
- 14 O. In addition to the statements that you just
- made on the record here today, along with the
- 16 prefiled direct testimony which you have a copy of in
- 17 front of you and I presented to the rest of the
- 18 relevant parties in this room, are you requesting
- 19 that that, along with Exhibits 1.1 to 1.4, be a part
- of the record here today, 09-0385?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 MR. DAVIS: Your Honor, I would move to admit

- 1 the prefiled testimony and the attached exhibits that
- 2 I have noted as 1.1 to 1.4 as evidence here today.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Thank you, Mr. Davis. Mr. Ivey,
- 4 is there any objection to the entering into the
- 5 record the direct testimony of Carl Fisher, Ameren
- 6 Exhibit 1.0, also the attached Exhibits 1.1, 1.2, 1.3
- 7 and 1.4?
- 8 MR. IVEY: Other than questions on
- 9 clarification of some of his statements.
- 10 JUDGE TAPIA: Well, so do you have an objection
- 11 to the entry of the direct testimony?
- MR. IVEY: Yes.
- 13 JUDGE TAPIA: What is your objection?
- 14 MR. IVEY: I just wanted some stuff clarified
- on what he meant by what he said.
- 16 JUDGE TAPIA: Well, you have to have an
- 17 objection. It has to be hearsay, it has to be --
- 18 MR. IVEY: I object to what they say they got
- 19 contact information and social security number.
- 20 JUDGE TAPIA: What's your basis of your
- 21 objection?
- 22 MR. IVEY: My objection is the counsel here

- 1 stated earlier that they had numerous types of
- 2 information given to them that they went on. And if
- 3 they were just going on what he said here, contact
- 4 information and social security number, my name and
- 5 social security number, right away, if they had my
- 6 address, the bill wouldn't be going to Gift Street,
- 7 it would be going to my address. So if they had my
- 8 contact information for telephone, why didn't they
- 9 call me on the telephone? They didn't call me on the
- 10 telephone. There were calling her supposedly, they
- 11 said.
- So they didn't have all the contact
- information. They had part of mine and part of hers.
- 14 So that should have raised a flag; it didn't match up
- 15 with anything in their file already.
- 16 JUDGE TAPIA: Okay. The objection is
- 17 sustained. The direct testimony of Carl Fisher, 1.0
- and 1.1 through 1.4 is entered into the record.
- MR. DAVIS: Your Honor, you stated that the
- 20 objection is sustained?
- JUDGE TAPIA: I am sorry, objection is
- 22 overruled. The testimony of Mr. Fisher is entered

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1 into the record.
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- 2 (Whereupon Ameren Exhibits 1.0,
- 3 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 were
- 4 admitted into evidence.)
- 5 JUDGE TAPIA: For clarification, Mr. Ivey, you
- 6 will have an opportunity to cross-examine Mr. Fisher
- 7 of those questions you just posed, but I overruled --
- 8 MR. IVEY: You mean to clarify my questions?
- 9 JUDGE TAPIA: Yes, that's the time when you can
- 10 cross-examine Mr. Fisher. But as far as your
- 11 objection, it wasn't an acceptable objection so I
- 12 entered it into the record.
- Okay, you may proceed, Mr. Davis.
- 14 MR. DAVIS: I do want to make a closing
- 15 statement today, but other than the prefiled
- 16 testimony and the testimony which he produced today
- 17 here in court, I have no further evidence to produce.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Okay, Mr. Ivey, now is your
- 19 opportunity to cross-examine Mr. Fisher.
- MR. IVEY: Okay.

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- 1 CROSS EXAMINATION
- 2 BY MR. IVEY:
- 3 Q. In your statement --
- 4 JUDGE TAPIA: You have to refer to the page.
- 5 On line 131 to line 134?
- 6 A. Okay.
- 7 Q. You said during the call Mr. Ivey's contact
- 8 information, his social security number were given to
- 9 Ameren. What contact information other than the
- 10 social security and my name was given to you?
- 11 A. I did review the call that was placed to
- 12 connect the service. Information presented included
- 13 the name Kerry Ivey, social security number. The
- 14 caller stated that there was current service at 1186
- 15 Upper Spring Bay Road in East Peoria. The
- 16 representative asked if that service was going to be
- 17 disconnected. The caller stated, no, that service
- 18 was to remain on, that the Gift Avenue address would
- 19 be a secondary service.
- 20 Ameren's customer service
- 21 representative asked where the bills were to be
- 22 mailed to. The caller stated that each address was

- 1 to receive their own bills independently. 1186 Upper
- 2 Spring Bay Road would be there. 508 East Gift Avenue
- 3 would go there.
- Q. And that didn't seem funny to you? I mean,
- 5 is that common?
- A. Yes, that is common. We have landlords.
- 7 We have people who own multiple properties that they
- 8 are trying to sell. It is not unusual for an
- 9 individual to have more than one service in their
- 10 name.
- Q. What I don't understand, on all this stuff
- 12 you said right here, contact information and giving
- 13 them service, I got my service at 1186 Upper Spring
- 14 Bay Road. I do not --
- JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Ivey, you have to pose
- 16 questions.
- 17 Q. Is that a discontinued process here?
- MR. DAVIS: I would ask that he clarify that
- 19 question, Your Honor.
- 20 JUDGE TAPIA: Can you restate the question,
- 21 Mr. Ivey?
- 22 Q. Yes. Is this the way you get service now

- like you say here?
- JUDGE TAPIA: And refer to lines, please.
- 3 Q. By giving this contact information between
- 4 131 and 134, that is a new process of how you give
- 5 service to people?
- 6 A. That is correct.
- 7 O. That is --
- 8 A. When CILCO was its own entity, that was
- 9 before I worked for the company, but I do believe
- 10 that individuals had to go to the CILCO office,
- 11 present their information to obtain service.
- 12 Q. Yeah, that's the only way I knew they had,
- 13 that you could get service.
- 14 MR. DAVIS: I would object to that statement,
- 15 Your Honor. It's irrelevant. It is not a question.
- 16 I ask that it be stricken.
- 17 MR. IVEY: It isn't really irrelevant. It is
- 18 showing they have got a new process that I don't know
- 19 about.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Ivey, I have to rule on that.
- 21 It is inappropriate to state statements. You will
- 22 have that opportunity when you do your closing

- 1 argument, to wrap it all together. But as far as
- 2 right now and Mr. Fisher, you need to ask him
- 3 questions. Everything has to be posed as a question.
- 4 So you can go on to your next question.
- 5 Q. Okay. It says on line 141 down to 144.
- 6 JUDGE TAPIA: What page?
- 7 Q. Mr. Ivey's direct testimony filed here with
- 8 the court indicates that he gave his daughter Kelly
- 9 Ivey permission to place it in service, to place
- 10 electric service at Gift Avenue. You say it
- 11 indicates?
- 12 JUDGE TAPIA: What's your question, Mr. Ivey?
- 13 Q. By indicating, meaning that you are
- 14 assuming it by what information you got; you don't
- 15 know for sure I gave her permission to put it in my
- 16 name and you are stating that she put it in there and
- 17 it wasn't me but you were saying earlier that it was
- 18 me that called in; you didn't know it was a woman,
- 19 like you stated right here it is her?
- 20 MR. DAVIS: Your Honor, I am a little lost.
- 21 MR. IVEY: He is stating right here that I gave
- 22 her permission to put it in. That means that she

- 1 called; he knows that she is the one that called.
- 2 Earlier you said you didn't.
- 3 JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Ivey, instead of compound
- 4 questions, we have to follow you and the record needs
- 5 to be clear. You need to pose one question at a
- 6 time. So think about what your question is going to
- 7 be and once Mr. Fisher answers the question, you can
- 8 move on to your next question but instead of compound
- 9 questions.
- 10 BY MR. IVEY:
- 11 Q. Okay. You say it indicates Mr. Ivey gave
- 12 Kelly permission to put it in her name which means --
- 13 you answered it, does this mean that you actually
- 14 talked to Kelly?
- 15 A. No, that is in reference to the testimony
- 16 that you had filed previously.
- Q. Because this says here that -- it says that
- 18 Kelly put it -- put that in there. That's the
- 19 statement right here. So if Kelly put it in there,
- 20 you must have talked to Kelly, is that true or not?
- 21 A. I did not speak to Kelly. These lines
- 22 refer to your direct testimony. Line 141 reads

- 1 AmerenCILCO Exhibit 1.4 and Mr. Ivey's direct
- 2 testimony filed herein on October 15, 2009, indicates
- 3 that Mr. Ivey gave his daughter Kelly Ivey permission
- 4 to place the electric service at 508 Gift Avenue,
- 5 Peoria, Illinois, in his name.
- 6 Q. My direct testimony does not say that
- 7 anyplace in there. That's an assumption you made.
- 8 MR. DAVIS: Your Honor, I would move to strike
- 9 all of the statements that are not in the form of a
- 10 question.
- 11 Q. Is it true that --
- JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Ivey, I have to rule before
- 13 you move on. The objection is sustained.
- Mr. Ivey, you need to pose questions.
- 15 You will have your opportunity to wrap it altogether
- 16 and sum it up at your closing argument. Just pose
- 17 questions and have Mr. Fisher answer your question.
- 18 BY MR. IVEY:
- 19 Q. Well, by this statement here are you
- 20 presuming that I gave her permission to put that in
- 21 her name?
- 22 A. I am referring to your direct testimony.

- 1 JUDGE TAPIA: Any further questions for
- 2 Mr. Fisher, Mr. Ivey?
- 3 O. Okay. Line 115 and 116.
- 4 JUDGE TAPIA: For reference, what page is that?
- 5 Q. Your answer said that electric service was
- 6 never disconnected at 508 East Gift, Illinois, while
- 7 this property was in Mr. Ivey's name. You stated
- 8 this. Do you know this property for a fact was in
- 9 Mr. Ivey's name?
- 10 A. Service for that property was in Mr. Ivey's
- 11 name, correct.
- 12 Q. And do you know for sure that service that
- 13 you say was in Mr. Ivey's name was put there by
- 14 Mr. Ivey? Is there no doubt in your mind that
- 15 service was put there by Mr. Ivey?
- 16 MR. DAVIS: Your Honor, this has been asked and
- 17 answered, I believe, but --
- 18 JUDGE TAPIA: Objection, Mr. Davis?
- MR. DAVIS: My objection is that this question
- 20 has been asked and answered. That's my objection.
- 21 JUDGE TAPIA: I will overrule the objection. I
- 22 will allow Mr. Fisher to answer the question.

- 1 A. The testimony filed is not so much as to
- whether Mr. Ivey himself put the service into his
- 3 name but whether he gave permission for the service
- 4 to be put in his name, and that is shown through his
- 5 direct testimony as well as evidence presented.
- 6 MR. IVEY: I object to that because my
- 7 testimony doesn't show it.
- 8 JUDGE TAPIA: You can sum that up at the end.
- 9 Any other questions for Mr. Fisher? There is no
- 10 rush, Mr. Ivey. You can review and see what you need
- 11 to ask Mr. Fisher.
- 12 BY MR. IVEY:
- 13 Q. On 218 and 219 lines, they go down to 220
- 14 of your answer, to your knowledge did Ameren ever
- 15 refuse to allow Mr. Ivey to speak to a supervisor,
- 16 and your answer was not to my knowledge. Are you a
- 17 supervisor?
- 18 A. No, I am not.
- 19 Q. Then I don't quite understand that
- 20 question. I assumed it was addressed to you as a
- 21 supervisor.
- 22 MR. DAVIS: I would object to that statement.

- 1 It is not a question, Your Honor.
- 2 JUDGE TAPIA: Objection is sustained. You have
- 3 to ask a question, Mr. Ivey. It has to be posed as a
- 4 question.
- 5 MR. IVEY: Well, since he is not a supervisor,
- 6 the question that was asked isn't pertaining because
- 7 it was him I was talking to.
- 8 MR. DAVIS: I would renew my objection.
- 9 JUDGE TAPIA: Objection is sustained. You have
- 10 to pose questions to Mr. Fisher.
- 11 BY MR. IVEY:
- Q. Well, my question to Mr. Fisher was did you
- ever not return my phone calls? I've called on this
- 14 matter.
- 15 A. Not to my knowledge.
- MR. IVEY: I object to his answer to it because
- 17 I made a lot of phone calls and I don't get any --
- JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Ivey, you asked the question
- 19 and he answered the question.
- 20 MR. IVEY: I object to his answer, but that's
- 21 okay.
- MR. DAVIS: I move to strike that statement.

- 1 JUDGE TAPIA: Objection is sustained.
- 2 Mr. Ivey, if you don't want to hear an answer, then
- 3 don't ask the question.
- 4 MR. IVEY: I just objected to his answer to it.
- 5 JUDGE TAPIA: You can't. If you ask the
- 6 question, you have to allow him to answer it. You
- 7 may not like the answer, but he has to be able to
- 8 answer it. And if you don't want to hear the answer,
- 9 then don't ask that question.
- 10 MR. IVEY: That's okay. I didn't understand.
- I wanted to make sure he wasn't the supervisor we was
- 12 talking about.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Okay, and I think he answered
- 14 that question.
- 15 BY MR. IVEY:
- 16 Q. Okay. Now, I want to get this clarified.
- 17 We clarified it at the last meeting, but I want to
- 18 get your answer to this. Line 180 to 182, this is
- 19 just for the record, Ameren, they asked if there was
- 20 ever a new meter affixed to the house and the answer
- 21 was Ameren's electric meter with an AMR module was
- installed in July 6, 2009, was affixed to the service

- 1 premises. Is that true?
- 2 A. That is true.
- Q. Okay. And to your knowledge is the
- 4 electric meter functional and properly functioning
- 5 properly?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. There was no complaints, right? That's
- 8 what you mean by saying yes, there was no complaints
- 9 on it?
- 10 A. There were no indications on the account of
- 11 anybody requesting a meter test or indicating that
- the meter was operating improperly, no.
- 13 MR. IVEY: That's all.
- 14 JUDGE TAPIA: Thank you. Mr. Davis, any
- 15 redirect?
- MR. DAVIS: Yes, Your Honor.
- 17 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- BY MR. DAVIS:
- 19 Q. Mr. Fisher, you made statements regarding
- 20 the request for service at the Gift Avenue address
- 21 made to Ameren, is that correct? You made statements
- 22 regarding that?

- 1 A. Correct.
- Q. And you made statements regarding accepting
- 3 new service requests via phone or in person. To your
- 4 knowledge is this a customary way of accepting new
- 5 customers and/or business, is over the phone?
- 6 A. We always accept them over the phone,
- 7 correct.
- 8 Q. And did you follow all safety procedures to
- 9 assure that the correct person identifying themselves
- 10 was presenting them self to be Kerry Ivey in this
- 11 situation when the call came in, in April of 2008?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. And is it true that you honestly had no
- 14 idea whether the person on the phone would have been
- 15 male or female?
- 16 A. True.
- 17 Q. But following all safety procedures, with
- 18 the social security number presented, address of a
- 19 current customer and all the information presented,
- 20 no red flags were raised?
- 21 A. There was nothing of concern.
- 22 MR. DAVIS: I have no further questions, Your

- 1 Honor.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Thank you, Mr. Davis. Any
- 3 recross pertaining to what Mr. Davis just asked for
- 4 Mr. Fisher.
- 5 RECROSS EXAMINATION
- 6 BY MR. IVEY:
- 7 Q. You stated earlier to me when I asked you a
- 8 question about the same problem that a lot of
- 9 landlords have multiple names and stuff on properties
- 10 and bill separately. Is that common with
- 11 non-landlords?
- MR. DAVIS: Your Honor, this is outside the
- 13 scope of my redirect.
- 14 JUDGE TAPIA: Objection?
- MR. DAVIS: I would ask that it be stricken.
- JUDGE TAPIA: It is stricken, objection
- 17 sustained. Mr. Ivey, you can only focus on the last
- 18 few questions that Mr. Davis just asked Mr. Fisher.
- 19 If it is outside that scope, then it would be
- improper.
- 21 MR. IVEY: Oh, okay.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Do you have any questions

- 1 pertaining to what Mr. Davis just asked Mr. Fisher?
- 2 BY MR. IVEY:
- Q. You said that no red flags come up when you
- 4 talked to the person. Now, I still question how do
- 5 you know who you are talking to? Is there some way
- 6 of distinguishing definitely that the person you are
- 7 talking to is the person who is getting the service?
- 8 You say there is no red flag. Just a name and
- 9 address, social security number, that's all they
- 10 require by when you ask this question? I mean, when
- 11 you ask for service? You don't say can you give me
- 12 proof of who you are?
- 13 A. When we receive a request for secondary
- 14 service from an existing customer, the customer has
- 15 already been established in our system. They have
- 16 already gone through basically a soft credit score
- 17 where we have checked the social security number,
- 18 made sure it verifies to that individual. As an
- 19 existing customer we do not repeat that process. So
- 20 the information was presented that would be
- 21 information that the individual would have as
- 22 personal information, i.e., a social security number,

- 1 presented an address, presented their name. Unless,
- 2 as I said before, unless the individual just was
- 3 acting really strange on the phone, there would be
- 4 nothing to raise a red flag on that, no.
- 5 Q. Well, you said that when an existing
- 6 customer -- how do you know it's the existing
- 7 customer just because he gives you his name and
- 8 stuff? That doesn't prove it is him on the phone.
- 9 Identity theft happens all the time where people have
- 10 all this information and if that's all it took --
- MR. DAVIS: Your Honor, I would ask that he ask
- 12 a question here. I move to strike those statements.
- 13 JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Ivey?
- MR. IVEY: I am trying to get him to say one
- 15 way or the other.
- 16 JUDGE TAPIA: You need to ask a question,
- 17 not -- objection is sustained.
- 18 BY MR. IVEY:
- 19 Q. So you definitely knew that it was Mr. Ivey
- 20 that was on the phone talking to you that day as you
- 21 state here?
- 22 A. To the best of our customer service

- 1 representative's knowledge, they were speaking to
- 2 Kerry Ivey.
- JUDGE TAPIA: No further questions, Mr. Ivey?
- 4 MR. IVEY: No.
- 5 JUDGE TAPIA: Any -- well, we are going to end
- 6 this. Mr. Davis, any other witnesses?
- 7 MR. DAVIS: I have no other evidence to
- 8 present.
- 9 JUDGE TAPIA: Okay. And you rest, Mr. Davis?
- 10 MR. DAVIS: I do.
- 11 JUDGE TAPIA: Now we are at the closing stage.
- 12 Mr. Ivey, I am going to allow you to make a closing
- 13 argument. Then Mr. Davis is going to make his
- 14 closing argument. Because you have the burden of
- 15 proof, I will allow you after Mr. Davis does his
- 16 closing argument for you to do a rebuttal closing.
- 17 In other words, you can respond to anything that
- 18 Mr. Davis has said. But you will go first. Then it
- 19 will be Mr. Davis and then it will be you.
- 20 Do you need time to put your thoughts
- 21 together or are you ready to go to closing?
- MR. IVEY: I guess I will go ahead and go to

- 1 closing.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Ivey, whenever you are
- 3 comfortable.
- 4 MR. IVEY: As this case pertains, I had no
- 5 knowledge that Ameren had changed the policy for how
- 6 people got their service done. The four times I got
- 7 service through them, it was always come down, show
- 8 your social security card, your driver's license and
- 9 sign the paper, so they knew who you were. And for
- 10 somebody to call in to Ameren, as they said, and gave
- 11 my information, most kids know all the information,
- 12 they know where their parents live, they know their
- 13 parents' name and most kids know their parents'
- 14 social security number because you need it for
- anything they do at school, anything, any more.
- 16 And he wasn't sure whether it was a
- 17 man or female, not him, but Ameren isn't sure the
- 18 person they talked to was male or female. They
- 19 couldn't distinguish. As deep as my voice is, I am
- 20 definitely a man. And my daughter has got a lot
- 21 higher voice than me. Nobody has ever mistaken her
- 22 for a man yet that I know of.

- 1 Ameren claims I gave her permission.
- 2 But in one statement they say that they were talking
- 3 to me, not her. I did not give her permission. We
- 4 discussed getting it done. And I stated in my
- 5 statement that I said we would put it in our name
- 6 under stipulations. And it was repeated in the
- 7 police report and identity theft report to Ameren.
- 8 And when I talked to Mr. Fisher that day on the
- 9 phone, I told him exactly that. We talked for 45
- 10 minutes and I told him exactly that we, me and my
- 11 wife, agreed we would have it put in our name if she
- 12 met the conditions. And she didn't like the
- 13 conditions. She said she had other options to check
- 14 out first. And I told them that meant she told me
- she was going to go to Jeremiah, that kid's father,
- and have him give her the money to pay the bill off.
- I got a letter from them the very next
- 18 day stating that I admitted I agreed to put it in my
- 19 name so the bill was mine. And that isn't what was
- 20 said. That was paraphrased. If you take it part of
- 21 that, yeah, it sounds like it. But if you take the
- 22 whole statement, no, it don't sound like it and it

- 1 didn't happen that way.
- 2 Mr. Fisher also says that he didn't
- 3 receive extra phone calls from me to talk to me about
- 4 this to his knowledge. I called over and over and
- 5 left messages on his recorder in there. The woman in
- 6 the billing department said she would see that he
- 7 would call me back. I called her at two weeks. I
- 8 finally called Detective Gillson and made a report to
- 9 him and he said I will call and get this done, tell
- 10 him you have been trying to get a hold of him. He
- 11 said, "He will talk to me." So I repeatedly called
- 12 them and they did not -- it isn't that they refused
- 13 to talk to me; they just didn't return the phone
- 14 calls. That isn't a direct refusal; that's just not
- doing it. That's a way of getting around it.
- 16 At no time did I, I state again, call
- 17 Ameren or give my daughter permission to call Ameren
- 18 to put my name onto it. And as the police report
- 19 shows, I have been a repeated victim of identity
- 20 theft, including having to sell my house right now to
- 21 get out from underneath the debts that this has
- 22 caused.

- 1 And my -- I have not been allowed to
- 2 give this information because I was told and assumed
- 3 -- first, it was personal, had to be turned in later,
- 4 and they wouldn't accept it and it was supposed to be
- 5 part of my closing statement of proving. The last
- 6 time I talked to the judge, she said you will have to
- 7 prove that --
- 8 MR. DAVIS: Your Honor, I object.
- 9 MR. IVEY: Your burden of proof is to put
- 10 evidence, to bring evidence with you to prove that
- 11 you did not live at that address.
- 12 JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Ivey, hold on. He has an
- 13 objection so I have to rule on it. I am sorry, can
- 14 you state your objection?
- MR. DAVIS: The issues that Mr. Ivey is
- 16 addressing do not address the facts that have been
- 17 admitted into evidence. They address an evidentiary
- 18 ruling that was made earlier in this case. It's
- 19 irrelevant, cannot be covered in closing, and I move
- 20 to strike it.
- JUDGE TAPIA: A response before I rule?
- 22 MR. IVEY: I am not adding evidence into it. I

- 1 am not reading this evidence.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Objection sustained. I made my
- 3 ruling as far as the exhibits that were admitted. If
- 4 exhibits were not admitted, it wouldn't be
- 5 appropriate to talk about it in your closing. It is
- 6 usually what you need to sum up what you have proven
- 7 because it's you that have the burden. So you can
- 8 continue. The objection is sustained.
- 9 MR. IVEY: I feel my police report and my
- 10 affidavit proves well enough, and Ameren's own
- 11 testimony where I lived at, prove that I lived at
- 12 1186 Upper Spring Bay Road. And through their
- 13 testimony and the police report prove my daughter
- 14 lived at East Gift Street and during that time
- 15 somebody else lived there, too, but still my daughter
- 16 lived there. At no point in the police report or my
- 17 testimony do I say I put that or I called Ameren and
- 18 put that in my name, the bill. And at no time has
- 19 Ameren stated in their testimony or anything else
- 20 that residents were notified that the procedure of
- 21 putting something in had became so lax under Illinois
- 22 law.

- 1 All this testimony and everything,
- 2 even this stiff they put in here, is still -- they
- 3 had no proof that I called in. They had no proof it
- 4 was a man or a female. They said it could be either
- 5 one. But in earlier statements they said it was they
- 6 talked to a woman. Well, I am not a woman any way
- 7 you look at it. I did not put it in mine, that
- 8 address in my name, at any time. And my statements
- 9 show that.
- 10 JUDGE TAPIA: Thank you, Mr. Ivey. Mr. Davis?
- 11 MR. DAVIS: Thank you, Your Honor. The
- 12 evidence shows today that Ameren did provide electric
- 13 service to an address at East Gift Avenue in Peoria,
- 14 Illinois. There is no dispute that the service was
- 15 provided. There is no dispute that a bill did ensue
- 16 and it is owed by someone on this account. Ameren is
- 17 pursuing a service that they did provide and the
- 18 charges that they are entitled to for it.
- 19 The only question for the court today
- 20 is a question of fact as to whether this service
- 21 should have been placed in Mr. Ivey's name or not.
- 22 It is Mr. Ivey's burden of proof that it shouldn't

- 1 have been put in his name, that someone used his
- 2 information inappropriately and apparently, as he
- 3 alleged, stole his identity. He hasn't met that
- 4 burden today.
- 5 Ameren has done nothing but act in
- 6 good faith throughout this entire process. They used
- 7 the standard procedures that they use to identify
- 8 applications from customers or new customers for
- 9 service, social security number, address, other
- 10 identifying information, to assure that it is the
- 11 same caller. We have made multiple attempts to try
- 12 to settle this account, working in good faith with
- 13 the customer and not treat him any differently than
- 14 any other customer in the state of Illinois.
- In addition, we have produced evidence
- 16 that we wouldn't necessarily even have to. We
- 17 identified that the calls could have been female. It
- is possible, but we are not sure. We are producing
- 19 this evidence in good faith. It is hard for us to
- 20 tell, we are not sure, but all of the processes that
- 21 we have available to us show that this person on the
- 22 phone was likely Mr. Ivey.

- Now, when you look at the evidence
- 2 that Mr. Ivey produced here in court today, it shows
- 3 that there was a discussion between him and his
- 4 daughter and that it appears an agreement ensued
- 5 wherein he agreed to have the account put in his
- 6 name. That's stated in his direct testimony, in his
- 7 closing argument today and in a statement made to our
- 8 customer service representative in June of 2008 and
- 9 to Detective Gillson in Peoria.
- 10 In this case there has been -- he
- 11 hasn't presented any criminal finding that identity
- 12 theft occurred. There is simply a police report
- 13 which any of us could go and produce right now. It
- 14 is not necessarily any finding whatsoever. It is
- 15 simply a report. He hasn't produced Detective
- 16 Gillson as a witness here today. He hasn't produced
- 17 his daughter as a witness here today. He hasn't
- 18 produced the landlord of this Gift Avenue property to
- 19 establish that he didn't live there at any time. He
- 20 hasn't produced his wife to establish that he didn't
- 21 live at either of these addresses at any time.
- 22 In short, he has not met his burden.

- 1 He hasn't proven that this account shouldn't have
- 2 been put in his name from the beginning. His
- 3 complaint asks for two forms of relief. One is for
- 4 the amount of 900 and some dollars which we have now
- 5 determined to be 955.15 to not be due and owing to
- 6 Ameren from Kerry Ivey, and then the other relief he
- 7 asks for is, vaguely put, for us, for Ameren, to stop
- 8 harassing him. That's what the prayer for relief
- 9 says. The evidence shows here today that he was not
- 10 harassed by Ameren. They were simply trying to
- 11 collect a bill, did nothing improper, no evidence to
- 12 the contrary has been produced.
- 13 The evidence also shows that this bill
- is due and owing from Kerry Ivey to Ameren, and we
- 15 would ask that the complaint be denied.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Thank you, Mr. Davis. Mr. Ivey,
- 17 you have the last word.
- 18 MR. IVEY: I feel my testimony says that, which
- 19 I have repeated over and over, we discussed it.
- 20 That's a common thing if somebody wants you to pay a
- 21 bill for them or do something, they ask you. That's
- 22 a discussion. That's all it was. It wasn't

- 1 permission. No place in there did I say I gave my
- 2 daughter permission to go put it in my name or that I
- 3 called in, as you say, I called in and put it in my
- 4 name. No place did I say that I called in and put it
- 5 in my name. Through everything and all the stuff
- 6 that's happened with my daughter, I don't do anything
- 7 lightly with her at any time. And because Ameren
- 8 changes their policy and the people out here don't
- 9 know it, that they become very lax in doing stuff
- 10 where they don't get positive identification like is
- 11 required by law, that is not my fault because
- 12 identity theft is somebody stealing your identity and
- 13 pretending they are you. And I think Ameren
- 14 understands that because they have a lot of cases.
- And my term of harassment was the fact
- 16 that you kept turning my electric off after you was
- 17 told not to turn it off until this was settled. And
- 18 you wasn't returning my phone calls to talk to me
- 19 about the issues that I needed clarified and I would
- 20 have to call the police to do it.
- 21 So that's -- I can't make the police
- 22 give any better report than they gave. I did what I

- 1 was told to do. I gave the information I could find.
- 2 Mr. Gillson talked to me several times and I gave all
- 3 the information I could give him because I didn't
- 4 know that much about what was going on. The first I
- 5 knew about the bill actually being in my name was
- 6 when you spent me a bill that said you need to pay
- 7 this at Gift Avenue, this is your account. I said, I
- 8 called them then and asked them, I said I don't have
- 9 no account on Gift Avenue. And after two months of
- 10 billing me, you switched the account number from Gift
- 11 Avenue onto my account number and made it one account
- 12 number. So that account number disappeared and now
- 13 it appears as just being one account number.
- 14 But it still, because somebody called
- in and uses my name doesn't mean that I gave them
- 16 permission to.
- 17 JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Ivey, direct it to me.
- 18 MR. IVEY: So I am not -- I don't feel I should
- 19 be held liable for a bill that somebody else put in
- 20 my name and used my identity. There was no direct
- 21 proof that I called into them and did this. From day
- one there has never been any direct proof, and I have

- denied it from day one and I didn't even know you
- 2 could call in and put electricity in your name on a
- 3 telephone. I had no idea of that at all because its
- 4 never been done in my life time.
- 5 So I feel that Ameren has a
- 6 responsibility to find the person who did. They know
- 7 who lived there and through their own testimony they
- 8 are pretty sure they know who called in, Kelly Ivey,
- 9 and through their testimony they say it's been
- 10 disconnected several times over there and several
- 11 names during that period that she lived there, which
- 12 I didn't know about either. I just knew about one
- 13 time it's been disconnected. So if they knew all
- 14 this stuff and they had a question about the history
- 15 over there, because there was so many different names
- on it and being disconnected, they should have been
- 17 pretty leery about what name was used over there
- 18 being a rental property because they knew it was
- 19 rental property. And they also know I lived where I
- 20 lived. And I kept my bill up with Ameren.
- 21 I feel that Ameren has misled the
- 22 public in changing their stuff and now wanting the

- 1 public to pay for the mistakes that they should have
- 2 took care of by having written consent, proof of, you
- 3 know, who was there, who was getting electricity.
- 4 That is their obligation as a company, a public
- 5 company, to protect the rest of the public from
- 6 consumer fraud like this, identity theft. It's your
- 7 obligation as a company to do that. We should never
- 8 have to set in these hearings with this judge and
- 9 argue about a bill that is not ours because somebody
- 10 used our name.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Anything else, Mr. Ivey?
- 12 MR. IVEY: I am done.
- 13 MR. DAVIS: Your Honor, can I make two
- 14 housekeeping items?
- JUDGE TAPIA: Yes. I will close the evidence.
- 16 Closing arguments are ended. And, Mr. Davis, you
- 17 have something you want part of the record here
- 18 today?
- 19 MR. DAVIS: I do have one objection to two
- 20 items that were noted in the closing, just for the
- 21 purpose of the record. One was a potential reference
- 22 to service being improperly shut off. It was kind of

- 1 an in passing statement. There was not any alleged
- 2 violation in the complaint or in his prayer of relief
- 3 that there was a violation of the Public Utility Act
- 4 or any of the Code regulations and I would ask that
- 5 that reference be stricken and not considered.
- In addition, in a same vein is there
- 7 wasn't any noted violation in his prayer for relief
- 8 that Ameren's procedure for accepting new customers
- 9 or service by phone as opposed to in person, he does
- 10 not allege that this is a violation of the Act
- 11 either. So I would ask that for the purposes of your
- 12 decision today that those references be stricken.
- 13 JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Ivey, your response?
- 14 MR. IVEY: When I asked him directly in his
- 15 testimony if this is a new procedure where they take
- 16 calls, you know, take it over the telephone and he
- 17 said yes. So he put it in his self. He admitted
- 18 that that was the way they do it now. I had no idea
- 19 that's the way it was done. I am going under the way
- 20 they had me do it when I got my service. I had to go
- 21 down and sign. That's the only way I knew it was
- 22 ever done.

- 1 JUDGE TAPIA: I am a little confused that that
- 2 covers what Mr. Davis just said.
- 3 MR. DAVIS: I don't believe. I think it is
- 4 separate. Because what he speaks to is an issue of
- 5 fact, whether the service was placed in his name at
- 6 all. He doesn't allege, though, in his complaint
- 7 that that in itself is a violation of the Code, of
- 8 the Public Utilities Act or the ICC regulations, and
- 9 that's what I ask not be considered. If he has
- 10 established successfully with you today that this
- 11 account shouldn't be in his name so he shouldn't be
- 12 charged, that's one thing. But --
- MR. IVEY: I'm not saying you have to change
- 14 it.
- MR. DAVIS: To have a negative finding against
- 16 Ameren because they would have allegedly not followed
- 17 the Code correctly, that's separate and it is not
- 18 reported in the complaint.
- JUDGE TAPIA: Right. Mr. Ivey, any response to
- 20 that?
- 21 MR. IVEY: I am not saying when I said that
- 22 statement that Ameren has to go out and change a

- 1 policy. I am not asking for that. I am stating in
- 2 my thing that I didn't know the new policy and I
- 3 don't think it fairly protects people, the new
- 4 policy. That's all I am saying. I am not saying
- 5 they have to change anything on that.
- 6 JUDGE TAPIA: Okay, I will sustain the
- 7 objection since he is not objecting to that part. So
- 8 it is stricken.
- 9 MR. DAVIS: And then my second item is for the
- 10 purposes of the record, Mr. Ivey before the hearing
- 11 today made statements that he had had a concussion at
- some point recently and that his eyes were affected
- 13 or something when he came in today. I would just
- 14 like for the purposes of the record for him to make a
- 15 statement that he understood what he did here today,
- 16 that he was in good health and that today he is, you
- 17 know, in full mind and body in what he testified to
- 18 today.
- 19 JUDGE TAPIA: Thank you, Mr. Davis. Mr. Ivey?
- 20 MR. IVEY: Yeah, I am not objecting to that,
- 21 no. I am in good health. I have got a headache,
- 22 but.

JUDGE TAPIA: Okay, then it is granted.
MR. DAVIS: Thank you.
JUDGE TAPIA: Anything else before I close this
case that anyone wants part of the record? Okay.
Then I will mark the case heard and taken as of
today. The proposed order will go out sometime next
week, and I will have dates, probably a week, for
exceptions and reply briefs. If anyone chooses to do
that, I will give leave to the parties to do that.
Then the case is closed. Thank you.
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